

Columbia transferred to Commissioner of District of Columbia by section 401 of Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1967. Office of Commissioner of District of Columbia, as established by Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1967, abolished as of noon Jan. 2, 1975, by Pub. L. 93-198, title VII, § 711, Dec. 24, 1973, 87 Stat. 818, and replaced by office of Mayor of District of Columbia by section 421 of Pub. L. 93-198. Accordingly, "Mayor" substituted in subsec. (d) for "commissioner".

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 136, 174b-1, 184a, 193h, 193i, 193m, 212a of this title.

#### § 213. Repealed. July 31, 1946, ch. 707, § 15, 60 Stat. 720

Section, act May 28, 1896, ch. 252, 29 Stat. 143, related to policing of Capitol buildings and grounds. See section 212a of this title.

#### OFFENSES COMMITTED PRIOR TO JULY 31, 1946

Prosecution of offenses committed prior to repeal of section, see section 15 of act July 31, 1946, set out as a note under section 193h of this title.

#### § 213a. Omitted

##### CODIFICATION

Section, act July 1, 1946, ch. 530, § 106, 60 Stat. 408, which authorized the Capitol Police Board to detail police for duty on the Capitol grounds, was omitted as not repeated in subsequent appropriation acts. See section 212a-1 of this title. Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

June 13, 1945, ch. 189, § 106, 59 Stat. 259.  
June 26, 1944, ch. 277, title I, § 105, 58 Stat. 354.  
June 28, 1943, ch. 173, title I, 57 Stat. 230.  
June 8, 1942, ch. 396, 56 Stat. 340.  
July 1, 1941, ch. 268, 55 Stat. 456.  
June 18, 1940, ch. 396, 54 Stat. 471.  
June 16, 1939, ch. 208, 53 Stat. 831.  
May 17, 1938, ch. 236, 52 Stat. 390.

#### § 214. Protection of grounds

It shall be the duty of the Capitol police on and after April 29, 1876, to prevent any portion of the Capitol Grounds and terraces from being used as playgrounds or otherwise, so far as may be necessary to protect the public property, turf and grass from destruction or injury.

(Apr. 29, 1876, ch. 86, 19 Stat. 41.)

#### § 214a. Omitted

##### CODIFICATION

Section, Pub. L. 89-698, title IV, § 401, Oct. 29, 1966, 80 Stat. 1072; 1967 Reorg. Plan No. 3, § 401, eff. Aug. 11, 1967, 32 F.R. 11669, 81 Stat. 951; Pub. L. 93-198, title IV, § 421, Dec. 24, 1973, 87 Stat. 789, authorized the Architect of the Capitol to permit the Mayor of the District of Columbia to operate for recreational purposes only the land known as Square 732 in the District of Columbia as long as such land is not required for building or other purposes by the Architect. Pub. L. 89-260, Oct. 19, 1965, 79 Stat. 987, as amended, set out as a note under section 141 of Title 2, The Congress, authorized the construction in square 732 of the Library of Congress James Madison Memorial Building. Funds for construction were appropriated and the building was built.

#### § 214b. Designation of Capitol grounds as play area for children of Members and employees of Senate or House of Representatives

##### (a) Authority of Capitol Police Board

Notwithstanding any other provision of law and subject to the provisions of paragraph (1) of

subsection (b) of this section, the Capitol Police Board is authorized to designate certain portions of the Capitol grounds (other than a portion within the area bounded on the North by Constitution Avenue, on the South by Independence Avenue, on the East by First Street, and on the West by First Street) for use exclusively as play areas for the benefit of children attending a day care center which is established for the primary purpose of providing child care for the children of Members and employees of the Senate or the House of Representatives.

##### (b) Required approval; fences; termination of authority

(1) In the case of any such designation referred to in subsection (a) of this section involving a day care center established for the benefit of children of Members and employees of the Senate, the designation shall be with the approval of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, and in the case of such a center established for the benefit of children of Members and employees of the House of Representatives, the designation shall be with the approval of the House Committee on House Oversight, with the concurrence of the House Office Building Commission.

(2) The Architect of the Capitol shall enclose with a fence any area designated pursuant to subsection (a) of this section as a play area.

(3) The authority to use an area designated pursuant to subsection (a) of this section as a play area may be terminated at any time by the Committee which approved such designation.

##### (c) Playground equipment; required approval

Nothing in this or any other Act shall be construed as prohibiting any day care center referred to in subsection (a) of this section from placing playground equipment within an area designated pursuant to subsection (a) of this section for use solely in connection with the operation of such center, subject to, in the case of a day care center established for the benefit of children of Members and employees of the Senate, the approval of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, and in the case of such a center established for the benefit of children of Members and employees of the House of Representatives, the approval of the House Committee on House Oversight, with the concurrence of the House Office Building Commission.

##### (d) Day care center

The day care center referred to in S. Res. 269, Ninety-eighth Congress, first session, is a day care center for which space may be designated under subsection (a) of this section for use as a play area.

(Pub. L. 98-392, § 3, Aug. 21, 1984, 98 Stat. 1362; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, § 221(14), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1750.)

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsec. (c), is Pub. L. 98-392, Aug. 21, 1984, 98 Stat. 1362, which enacted this section and amended section 2107 of Title 20, Education. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

S. Res. 269, Ninety-eighth Congress, first session, referred to in subsec. (d), is dated Nov. 14, 1983, and reads